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The Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Receives Secretary General of Italian International Relations Institute and Secretary General of Institute of New International Economic Order and Arranges Luncheon

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, granted an audience on January 9 to Prof. and Dr. Giancarlo Elia Valori, Secretary General of the Italian International Relations Institute and Secretary General of the Institute of New International Economic Order, on a visit to our country.

On hand were Comrade Yang Hyong Sop and personages concerned.

Son Song Pil and Kim Gil Hyon.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had a talk with the guest in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

On the same day the great leader gave a luncheon in honour of the guest.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent a message of greetings to Anton Buttigieg upon the latter's election as President of the Republic of Malta. The message of greetings reads:

His Excellency ANTON BUTTIGIEG
President
Republic of Malta

Valetta

I send Your Excellency warm congratulations on your election as President of the Republic of Malta.

I take this opportunity to sincerely wish Your Excellency fresh successes in your work for the country's independent development and happiness of the Maltese people.

KIM IL SUNG

President
Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, January 3, 1977

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, sent a message of greetings to Leopold Sedar Senghor upon his election as General Secretary of the Senegalese Socialist Party. The message reads:

His Excellency LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR
General Secretary
Senegalese Socialist Party

Dakar

I, in the name of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Korean people and in my own name, extend warmest congratulations to Your Excellency upon your election as General Secretary of the Senegalese Socialist Party.

At the recent Congress of the Progressive Union of Senegal the Progressive Union was renamed the Socialist Party and Your Excellency, was elected General Secretary. This is an expression of the ardent desire of your people to consolidate the independence of the country and build a new prospering Senegal by actively embodying the policy of "Senegalization" in all fields under the correct leadership of Your Excellency.

Believing that the excellent relations of friendship and cooperation between the Workers' Party of Korea and the Senegalese Socialist Party and between our two peoples which are developing day by day will further strengthen and develop through the common struggle against imperialism and for independence, I take this opportunity to sincerely wish your Party and people greater successes in the struggle to implement the decisions of the Congress of the Party as well as Your Excellency good health.

KIM IL SUNG

General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea

Pyongyang, January 6, 1977

TELEGRAMS

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent a message of greetings to Comrade **Fidel Castro Ruz**, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and President of the State Council of the Republic of Cuba, on the occasion of the 18th anniversary of the victory of the Cuban revolution.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message of greetings to **Gaafar Mohamed Nimeri**, President of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, on the occasion of the 21st anniversary of the independence of the Sudan.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message of greetings to **U Ne Win**, President of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma, on the occasion of the 29th anniversary of Burma's independence.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, received a message from **Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev**, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, in reply to his message of greetings sent to the latter on his 70th birthday.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, received a message from **Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan** in reply to his message of greetings sent upon the latter's reelection as President of the United Arab Emirates.

The Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Exchanges Messages of New Year's Greetings or New Year's Cards with Party and State Leaders of Various Countries

On the occasion of the New Year 1977, the great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, exchanged messages of greetings or New Year's cards with Party and state leaders of various countries.

Messages of greetings or New Year's cards came to the great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung** from **Hua Kuo-feng**, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China; **Wu Teh**, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China; **Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev**, General Secretary of the CC of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union; **Nikolai Viktorovich Podgorny**, President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; **Nicolae Ceausescu**, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party and President of the Romanian Socialist Republic; **Todor Zhivkov**, First Secretary of the CC of the Bulgarian Communist Party and President of the State Council of the Bulgarian People's Republic; **Janos Kadar**, First Secretary of the CC of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party; **Pal Losonczi**, President of the Presidium of the Hungarian People's Republic; **Ton Duc Thang**, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam; **Le Duan**, General Secretary of the CC of the Communist Party of Viet Nam; **Truong Chinh**, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National Assembly of the SRVN; **Pham Van Dong**, Premier of the Government of the SRVN; **Gustav Husak**, General Secretary of the CC of the Czechoslovak Communist Party and President of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic; **Edward Gierek**, First Secretary of the CC of the Polish United Workers' Party; **Henryk Jablonski**, President of the State Council of the Polish People's Republic; **Erich Honecker**, General Secretary of the CC of the German Socialist Unity Party and President of the State Council of the German Democratic Republic; **Enver Hoxha**, First Secretary of the CC of the Albanian Workers' Party; **Haxhi Lleshi**, Chairman of the Presidium of the People's Assembly of the Albanian Socialist People's Republic; **Y. Tsedenbal**, First Secretary of the CC of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party and President of the Presidium of the Grand People's Hural of the Mongolian People's Republic; **Josip Broz Tito**, Chairman of the Yugoslav League of Communists and President of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; **Khieu Samphan**, President of the Presidium of the State of Democratic Cambodia; **Kaysone Phomvihane**, General Secretary of the CC of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party; **Souphanouvong**, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; **Fazal Elahi Chaudhri**, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan; **U Ne Win**, President of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma; **Makarios**, President of the Republic of Cyprus; **Tuanku Yahya Petra Ibni Al Marhum Sultan Ibrahim**, King of Malaysia; **Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed**, President of the Republic of India; **Siaka Probyn Stevens**, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone; **Rudolf Kirchschlager**, President of the Republic of Austria; **Benjamin Henry Sheares**, President of the Republic of Singapore; **Urho Kekkonen**, President of the Republic of Finland; **Margrethe the Second**, Queen of the Kingdom of Denmark; **Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham**, Prime Minister of the Guyana Cooperative Republic; **Tiferi Benti**, Chairman of the Provisional Military Administrative Council of Socialist Ethiopia; **Ibrahim Mohamed Al Hamdi**, Chairman of the Command Council and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Yemen Arab Republic; **William Gopallawa**, President of the Republic of Sri Lanka; **Mohammed Daoud**, Head of State of the Republic of Afghanistan; **Jomo Kenyatta**, President of the Republic of Kenya; **Kurt Furgler**, President of the Confederation of Switzerland; **Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah**, Emir of the State of Kuwait; **Leopold Sedar Senghor**, President of the Republic of Senegal; **Carlos Andres Perez**, President of the Republic of Venezuela; **James R. Mancham**, President of the Republic of Seychelles; and **Dolores Ibarruri**, Chairman of the CC of the Spanish Communist Party.

The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung** sent messages of greetings or New Year's cards to them.

Korean Working People Bring About New Revolutionary Upsurge in Response to the Great Leader's New Year Address

The working people of our country are now effecting a new, revolutionary upswing in socialist economic construction, upholding the militant programme advanced by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in his New Year Address.

The great leader defined this year as a year of readjustment and set it as the major tasks of this year to make thoroughgoing preparations to attain the high peaks of a new long-term plan in all domains of the national economy while directing great efforts to easing the strain on transportation and to keeping the mining industry well ahead of the processing industries.

In his New Year Address, the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"The revolutionary tasks facing us this year are very honourable and worthy fighting tasks. As long as we have the wise leadership of our Party and our people are firmly armed with the Juche idea, we are bound to win a brilliant victory in this year's revolutionary struggle too."

In his New Year Address, the great leader who brightly illumines the road to be followed by our people in each stage of the revolution and construction and leads them to victory and glory at all times has clearly indicated the concrete tasks set before all domains of the national economy this year and the ways and means for their implementation. Thus he infused our working people with confidence in fresh victory and inspired them in their labour efforts.

Bearing the great leader's teachings deep in mind, our Juche type-blooded working class and other toiling people, together with the three-revolution team members, are unfolding a vigorous struggle and registering shining successes from the outset of the year with the uplifted red banner of the three revolutions.

Acting upon the great leader's teaching that the priority front this year is the front of transportation, the transport workers in different parts of the country are now striving hard to transport raw materials, fuel and other supplies in time to all fields of the national economy, well aware of their glorious task and filled with a high sense of honour.

In the domain of railway transport, the electrification of railways is being promoted without letup, and the struggle for boosting the production of electric and diesel locomotives and 60-ton waggons is also being waged dynamically in order to increase transportation capacity, with the result that signal successes are being scored in this field from the outset of the year. In the sphere of land and sea transportation, great successes are being registered. The transport workers under the Bureau of Sea Transportation nearly doubled their daily assignments for transportation and port traffic turnover.

Demands for various minerals and coal have rapidly grown in recent years with great expansion of the production capacities of metallurgical and other processing industries and the construction of many steam-power plants.

Well aware of the importance of their tasks of making the existing factories and enterprises work at top capacity the workers in the field of the mining industry are making all efforts to turn out various raw materials and fuel in good time and sufficiently.

They carried out their ore production plan for the first three days of the year 1.2 times and produced 13,000 more tons of coal as compared with the daily average result of December last year.

The workers in the field of the power industry who are in charge of the main power bases of the country are operating the existing generating equipment at full capacity. At the same time, they are energetically stepping up the project for creating new capacity. They are scoring fresh successes in the efforts to put into commission at early dates the Wiwon Power Station, the No. 2 Huichon Power Station, the Taedong-gang Power Station, the No. 3 Sodusu Power Station and the Chongchon-gang Steam-Power Plant now under way.

An active struggle is also being waged in light industry to augment the production of consumer goods and raise their quality to a higher level.

The workers of the cornstarch and other food-processing factories in all parts of the country are putting up a struggle to supply the people with tasty and nutritious foodstuffs in greater quantities, thereby markedly increasing their output from the outset of the year.

In response to the great leader's teaching that the agricultural front remains one of the main front this year, the agricultural working people are now stepping up farming preparations.

They are now pushing forward all preparations to cushion effects of the continued cold front, attain new successes in agricultural production this year and reach the 10-million ton goal of grain production in the near future through the full application of the Juche-based farming method clarified by the great leader. In the domain of fisheries winter fishing operation is now conducted vigorously. Our fishermen are catching more fish by establishing a scientific fishing system and launching active fishing operations from the beginning of the year.

The new, revolutionary upsurge our working people are now effecting in response to the great leader's New Year Address is a manifestation of their intense loyalty to the respected and beloved leader.

Convinced that victory and glory are always in store for them when they advance along the road indicated by the respected and beloved leader, our working people are bringing about incessant miracles in all fields of production and construction, displaying voluntary enthusiasm and creative activeness.

A brilliant victory will be attained in the carrying out of the tasks of this year, a year of readjustment, thanks to the heroic labour struggle of our working people boundlessly loyal to the great leader and the Party.

Kim In Gyu

Transport workers of the Chongjin Locomotive Corps are carrying more loads to the sites of socialist construction

Handbills Calling for Loyalty to the Great Leader Marshal KIM IL SUNG Pasted Up in Suwon, South Korea

The reverence of the south Korean people for the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation and legendary hero, is growing deeper these days. Handbills highly praising the great leader and calling for loyalty to him were recently pasted up on the walls of buildings in Suwon, Kyonggi Province, south Korea.

According to Radio "Voice of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification," the handbills said:

"Long live the great leader Kim Il Sung!

The great leader President Kim Il Sung is not only the leader of our nation but the leader of the oppressed peoples of the world.

Let us all be devotedly loyal to the great leader Kim Il Sung!"

The handbills clearly reflect the unanimous aspiration of the south Korean people who live and fight dauntlessly under the harsh tyranny and humiliation in south Korea ridden with fascism, looking up to the great leader, the lodestar of national liberation.

Many people who read the handbills that day introduced the contents to others, saying in an excited tone: "Someone reads our minds." **"I feel warmth in my heart. I want to loudly shout 'Long live the great leader Kim Il Sung!' on the day of reunification. The country should be reunified under his leadership at an early date."**

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The Respected and Beloved Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Receives Messages of New Year's Greetings from RPR Central Committee and Chairman of Chongryon Central Standing Committee

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received congratulatory messages respectively from the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification and Han Dok Su, Chairman of the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan), on the occasion of the New Year.

In its message of congratulations the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification, representing the unanimous ardent desire of all the RPR membership and the masses of the people in south Korea, sincerely wished that the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the peerless legendary hero, the salvation star for national liberation and the sun of mankind, will enjoy good health and a long life for the south Korean revolution and the reunification of the fatherland, for the grandeur and prosperity of the nation and the world revolution and for the final victory of the revolutionary cause of Kimilsungism.

In his message of greetings, Chairman Han Dok Su of the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon, representing the warm sentiments of all the Chongryon functionaries and fellow countrymen in Japan, reverently wished that the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, the sun of our nation and mankind and tender-hearted father, may live long in good health for national reunification and the cause of Juche and for the triumphant advance of the overseas compatriots movement.

Foreign Countries Give Wide Publicity to New Year Address of the Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG for 1977

Newspapers, news agencies and radios of many countries are widely reporting the New Year Address delivered by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on the New Year 1977.

The gist of the New Year Address of the great leader was carried by the Chinese paper "Renmin Ribao", the Soviet paper "Pravda", the Romanian papers "Scinteia," "Romania Libera" and "Scinteia Tineretului," the Czechoslovak papers "Rude Pravo" and "Lidova Demokracie", the Bulgarian papers "Rabotnichesko Delo" and "Zemedelsko Zname", the Hungarian papers "Nepszabadsag," "Magyar Hirlap" and "Nepszava", the Cuban paper "Granma", the Mongolian paper "Unen", the Algerian paper "El Moudjahid", the Burmese paper "Guardian" and the Libyan paper "Al-Fajr Al-Jadid".

Meanwhile, the Chinese Hsinhua news agency and Radio Peking, the Soviet Tass, the Bulgarian news agency and radio, the Mongolian radio and TV, the Libyan news agency, radio and TV and the Zairese news agency reported the New Year Address.

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"We Admired the Progress and Prosperity Achieved by the Korean People in a Short Span of Time under the Leadership of Great President KIM IL SUNG"

CHAIRMAN OF YAR COMMAND COUNCIL PRAISES SUCCESSES OF KOREAN PEOPLE

Ibrahim Mohamed Al Hamdi, Chairman of the Command Council of the Yemen Arab Republic, delivered a report on his visit to our country at a joint meeting of the Command Council, Cabinet and the Supreme Rectifying Committee held on December 30 last year, according to a report from Sana. He said:

We admired the progress and prosperity achieved by the Korean people in a short span of time under the leadership of great President Kim Il Sung.

The Korean people have built a developed and powerful, new Korea with their own efforts. We deeply felt the friendly sentiments of the Korean people for the people of the Yemen Arab Republic and believed that the Korean people will reunify their country peacefully without interference of outside forces.

The relations between friendly Korea and the Yemen Arab Republic will be further consolidated and developed in the future.

Meanwhile, the YAR paper "Al Saura" January 6 carried with due respect a photograph of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung firmly shaking hands with His Excellency Chairman Ibrahim Mohamed Al Hamdi and printed an article on the visit to Korea of the Chairman of the Command Council of the YAR.

The paper stressed: It is thanks to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the Korean people and hero, that Korea has been converted into a powerful socialist state with a developed industry and agriculture.

It continued:

Under the leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, an outstanding leader, fighter and hero, the Korean people are now energetically struggling to reunify the country, continuously consolidating and developing the heavy and light industries and agriculture in a creative revolutionary spirit. The Korean people are one and so is Korea. Korea will be reunified.

Thanks to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the legendary hero, Korea has been turned into a model country of freedom, democracy and mankind and society of the present peaceful and prosperous age.

The Korean people owe all their successes to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the iron-willed brilliant commander, international leader, national hero and fighter.

Earlier on January 1, YAR T.V. reported the visit of the government delegation of the Yemen Arab Republic to our country.

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Pyongyang Report Meeting Commemorates Fifth Anniv. of Publication of Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG's Work

"On Present Political and Economic Policies of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Some International Problems"

A Pyongyang report meeting was held at the February 8 House of Culture on January 9 in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the publication of **"On Present Political and Economic Policies of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Some International Problems"**, an immortal classic work of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

A portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation and legendary hero, was placed with due respect on the platform against the background of the national flag of the Republic.

Seen in the meeting place were slogans reading "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" and "Long live the glorious Workers' Party of Korea!" and a streamer bearing the words "May the great leader enjoy good health and a long life!"

Comrades So Choi, Rim Chun Chu and Chong Jun Gi and personages concerned and responsible functionaries of the working people's organizations attended the report meeting together with working people in the city.

The meeting began with the playing of the Patriotic Song. Comrade Chong Jun Gi made the report.

The reporter dwelt upon the time when the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's historic work **"On Present Political and Economic Policies of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Some International Problems"** was made public, and continued:

In this classic work, the great leader, with his scientific penetration into the developments at home and abroad, gave profound and scientific answers to a number of important problems of principle for the revolution and construction and the development of the international situation such as the Juche idea, the socialist construction in our country and the central tasks of the Six-Year Plan, the problem of the reunification of our country, some international problems and the relations between Korea and Japan.

In his work the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the outstanding thinker and theoretician, expounded that the master of the revolution in each country is its people themselves and the decisive factor of the victory in the revolution is their strength, and once again elucidated the demand of the Juche idea proceeding from this.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"... the Juche idea demands that everyone make the revolution in his country the focal point of his thinking and revolutionary activity. Revolution and construction are carried on by people. For victory in the revolution, therefore, people must have a correct revolutionary world outlook, and it is important for them to have the readiness and ideas to accept responsibility as masters for the revolution and construction in their own country".

The reporter went on to say:

In the work the great leader gave a brilliant and flawless answer as to the demand of the Juche idea. And he gave deep-going and scientific answers as to the necessity of the establishment of Juche and its essential demand, the overall victory of the Juche idea and its shining embodiment in our country and the relations between the Juche idea and proletarian internationalism. Thus he indicated a bright road to be followed by the people who aspire after independence.

In this historic work, the great leader, basing himself on the immortal Juche idea, clarified particularly the principled stand and scientific policy as regards the problem of national reunification.

He once again clearly declared in the work the basic policy of national reunification for solving the problem of the reunification of our country, a domestic issue of our nation, not by intervention of outside forces but by the Koreans themselves, not by war but by peaceful means.

The great leader, he pointed out, advanced the epochal proposal for the convocation of north-south political negotiations as an important step toward the implementation of the policy of independent and peaceful reunification and indicated reasonable ways for its realization. He said:

Indeed, the great leader's policy of independent and peaceful reunification and concrete proposals for its realization are the most just policy for solving the internal question of the nation strictly in reliance on the strength of our nation through the brilliant embodiment of the immortal Juche idea in the solution of the reunification question, and they are epochal national salvation measures for enabling all the patriotic forces of the north and south to turn out in the sacred struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

"On Present Political and Economic Policies of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Some International Problems", the historic work of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, as soon as it was published, gripped the hearts of our people and the progressive peoples of the world with a great magnetic power and evoked a great stir, the reporter said and continued:

For its superb idea and theory and profound analysis and scientific logic, the immortal classic work of the great leader, together with his many other classic works, gave powerful strength to mankind like the hot wind melting the frozen ground and dynamically promoted the advancement of the world, brightly illumining the road ahead of our time, like the rays of the sun dissipating dark clouds.

In particular, the policy of reunification clarified by the great leader enjoyed unanimous support and welcome from the people at home and abroad and fully displayed its validity and vitality.

The classic work of the great leader **"On Present Political and Economic Policies of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Some International Problems"** is an immortal classic document and an eternal banner which dynamically forwarded the development of the international situation as a whole and of our revolution, the reporter stressed, and continued:

This immortal classic work is a great and epoch-making work which can be put forward only by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the brilliant thinker and theoretician and outstanding revolutionary strategist who is possessed of rare intelligence and keen perspicacity.

Indeed, it is the greatest glory, pride and happiness of our nation to have respected and beloved Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius of revolution and legendary hero, as the leader whom our people greeted for the first time in the history of thousands of years.

The reporter, representing the ardent loyalty of the entire Korean people, reverentially offered the greatest glory and warmest gratitude to the great leader of our Party and our people Comrade Kim Il Sung, the peerless patriot, national hero and ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander, who originated the immortal Juche idea, demonstrated the honour and dignity of our country before the whole world, brought our people the greatest happiness and always leads them along the road of victory and glory.

Noting that after the publication of the great leader's historic work a sharp struggle was waged in our country between the independent line and the line of dependence upon outside forces, between the line of reunification and the splittist line and that our Party and the Government of the Republic made all persevering efforts to realize the policy of the independent reunification of the country set forth by the great leader, he exposed and condemned the "two Koreas" plot of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, the machinations for aggression and war of the US imperialists who are encouraging their plot and the Japanese reactionaries who are taking a hand in it.

The reporter referred to the tasks to be carried out by the entire Korean people for the achievement of the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

Saying that support and encouragement of the world's people is very precious in the nation-wide struggle of our people to drive out the US imperialists from south Korea and realize national reunification, the reporter expressed deep thanks to the progressive peoples and friends of the world for their positive support and encouragement to our cause of reunification.

The attendants of the meeting confirmed their determination to fight on more energetically for the reunification of the country and the nation-wide victory of the revolution and for the accomplishment of the cause of Juche, united rock-firm around the great leader and the glorious Party Centre with the uplifted banner of the immortal Juche idea.

The report meeting closed with the singing in chorus of "Song of General Kim Il Sung".

A Pyongyang report meeting commemorating the 5th anniversary of the publication of "On Present Political and Economic Policies of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Some International Problems", an immortal classic work of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung

The Juche Idea Is an Immortal Idea Substantially Ensuring Independence to Man

Secretary General of Italian International Relations Institute and Secretary General of Institute of New International Economic Order Gives Lecture before Teachers and Students of KIM IL SUNG University

Prof. and Dr. Giancarlo Elia Valori, Secretary General of the Italian International Relations Institute and Secretary General of the Institute of New International Economic Order, delivered a lecture on January 7 before the teachers and students of Kim Il Sung University on the subject "Principle on Full Realization of Man, People, in Juche Philosophy, the Idea of President Kim Il Sung".

Placed with due respect on the platform of the lecture hall was a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people.

Seen in the hall were slogans reading: "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" and "Long live the glorious Workers' Party of Korea!" and a streamer bearing the words: "May the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung enjoy a long life in good health!"

Attending the lecture were Comrade Hwang Jang Yop, personages concerned Kim Gil Hyon and Han Hui Ho and teachers and students of the University.

In his lecture Giancarlo Elia Valori explained the conception of man in Juche philosophy and Kim Il Sung thought.

Saying that Juche philosophy attaching the greatest importance to man is a unique doctrine, he emphasized: The Juche idea originated from the genius of President Kim Il Sung.

The requirement of Juche philosophy, the requirement of Kimilsungism, is a demand for social revolution, he noted, and stressed: Juche philosophy and Kimilsungism consistently lay stress on the desire of man to liberate himself and society itself from the fetters of the old relations of production.

Explaining the question of alienation, Giancarlo Elia Valori said that the aim of Juche philosophy, Kimilsungism, is to completely liberate the nature of man from the fetters of alienation and provide all people with happiness.

He continued:

Juche philosophy which calls for revolutionary practice for transforming the inhumane reality of our time and constitutes the guiding principle in it makes those who take Juche philosophy as the guiding principle in their activities ardently desire to go over to the kingdom of freedom from the kingdom of necessity.

The key to a correct knowledge of the Juche idea, Kimilsungism, is to understand its positive function as the guiding principle in transforming the present reality, cognizing the world and transforming it.

Humanism in Kimilsungism is not a meditative one but an active one.

The aim of humanism in Kimilsungism is to give full play to the independence of man as a creator of society, as taught by the slogan "Be independent".

Referring to the question of freedom, Giancarlo Elia Valori stressed: Juche philosophy (Kimilsungism) as an answer to and refutation of an attempt to revive idealism gives a correct exposition of the conception of freedom, especially of the question of relationship between man and history.

He went on to say:

Comrade Kim Il Sung attaches greater importance to man, a being which is active and transforming the reality in conformity with his will, than to history.

The question of man has been deepened most fully in Kimilsungism. Only when this question is correctly understood and solved is it possible to realize the correctness of the principle of "Be independent," that is, the principle of ensuring complete freedom to an individual and people.

The Juche idea expounds that man (people) is independent in carving out his destiny.

The question of happiness is closely connected with that of independence, he said, and stated: Juche proclaimed a struggle against misfortune as a social phenomenon and creates every condition for a happy life.

A perfect man, the central factor in the ideas of President Kim Il Sung and Juche philosophy and the maker of the means of his existence, has a creative and dialectical attitude to the objective reality.

Explaining the educational function of Juche philosophy, he said emphatically: **Juche philosophy and the ideas of President Kim Il Sung have a great educational function and especially it has become a clear fact that they are not a dogmatic theory but a bedrock closely and constantly linked dialectically with the objective reality.**

The Juche idea which constitutes the kernel of Kimilsungism ensures the maximum of freedom and democracy to all the members of society and enables them to fully enjoy freedom and democracy.

The Juche idea is not only a guiding principle for all the Koreans but also inspires the revolutionary activities of all countries and peoples subjugated to those countries which carried out industrialization long ago.

Juche philosophy instills a will to revive into the minds of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples who are experiencing bitterness due to their backwardness, considers it their inalienable right to achieve freedom and teaches that complete self-determination can be realized only when they exercise freedom.

The Juche idea teaches that it is not only a right but also a sacred duty for people, like for every man, to choose their destiny without outside interference.

Concluding his lecture, Giancarlo Elia Valori shouted:

Long live President Kim Il Sung!

Long live the Juche idea, an immortal idea substantially ensuring independence to man!

Long live Kimilsungism!

Long live the Korean people!

Long live the reunification of Korea!

I reverentially wish President Kim Il Sung good health and a long life for the peace and prosperity of Korea.

Burundi "Group for the Study of the Juche Idea of Comrade KIM IL SUNG" Inaugurated in Bujumbura

A grand inaugural meeting of the Burundi "Group for the Study of the Juche Idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung" was held in Bujumbura on December 11, 1976, according to a report.

Set up with due respect on the platform of the meeting place was a portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

A letter to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was unanimously adopted amid a stormy applause of the attendants at the meeting.

The meeting was attended by Mugunguru Bernar, chief of the Burundi "Group for the Study of the Juche Idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung," and a large number of public figures of Burundi.

The meeting was addressed by Mugunguru Bernar.

In his speech he said that the members of the group were firmly determined to more deeply study the immortal classic works of the great leader, with the Juche idea as the firm guiding principle of the group in its activities.

He stressed:

"I reverentially wish good health and a long life to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung for the victory of the Korean revolution and the world revolution".

(KCNA)

French Committee of Support and Action for Korea's Independent and Peaceful Reunification Forms Leading Body and Adopts Action Program

The French Committee of Support and Action for Korea's Independent and Peaceful Reunification held a meeting in Paris on December 14, 1976, according to a report.

The meeting was attended by representatives of French political parties, members of the National Assembly and representatives of various strata embraced in the committee.

Senator Andre Aubry made a speech at the meeting.

The attendants of the meeting exchanged their opinions on the future work of the committee and discussed measures to unfold a solidarity movement in various forms in support of the struggle of the Korean people for the country's independent and peaceful reunification.

The meeting formed the leading body and adopted the action program of the committee.

The meeting elected Senator Andre Aubry Chairman of the French Committee of Support and Action for Korea's Independent and Peaceful Reunification and Jean Drean and others vice-chairmen of the committee.

The action program adopted at the meeting noted that the basic obstacle to the reunification of Korea is the outside forces' interference and the foreign troops' occupation of south Korea.

The action program supported the positive proposals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country and underscored the three principles of national reunification.

The action program also stressed the importance of the five-point policy of national reunification whose content is the elimination of military confrontation and the relaxation of tension between the north and the south, the realization of manysided collaboration and intercourse between the north and the south, the convening of a Great National Congress composed of representatives of people of all strata, political parties and public organizations in the north and the south, the institution of the north-south confederation under the single national title of the Confederal Republic of Koryo and the entry into the United Nations under the single national title of the Confederal Republic of Koryo. It said that the committee would support all these just principles and policy and base its activities on them.

(KCNA)

"The Great Leader President KIM IL SUNG Is the Benevolent Father of the Entire Korean People and the Great Sun of Our Nation"

South Korean People Boundlessly Respect and Adore the Respected and Beloved Leader and Follow Him

The profound veneration and respect that the people feel for the great leader President Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation and legendary hero, is also becoming high daily among the south Korean people.

The south Korean people pray with all their hearts that the great leader will enjoy longevity and express their determination to attend the respected and beloved leader till the end of the sun and the moon and follow him to the end of the earth. This is the earnest wish uppermost in their pure minds, now beginning with the New Year.

With a feeling of deep reverence for the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, a factory worker in the city of Chongju, North Chungchong Province, said:

"I boundlessly respect the beloved leader President Kim Il Sung and sincerely admire him.

"General Kim Il Sung conducts the affairs of the state to bring a better life to the poor people like us.

"Let's turn our eyes to the north. Because the beloved leader President Kim Il Sung carries on a government for the people, the people in the north are leading the happiest life, with a song 'We Are Happiest People in the World' on their lips.

"A broadcast said that last year also witnessed an extremely bountiful harvest in the north —more than 8 million tons of grain. Of course, the greatest credit in this is due to the absolutely correct policy pursued by General Kim Il Sung. It is said that his politics turns freaky weather into something agreeable to farming. Even the rugged mountains and ocean move in reaction to his policy of great wisdom.

"Indeed, the policy conducted by General Kim Il Sung for the people is a legendary policy and great policy.

"I think no man in the world equals the respected leader General Kim Il Sung in the policy of wisdom."

He went on:

"For the sake of the beloved leader General Kim Il Sung and to hasten the day when the country will be reunified under his leadership, I am resolved to follow the road of revolution. To my dying breath I will follow the road of great revolution carved out by the respected General Kim Il Sung."

A peasant residing in Raju county, South Cholla Province, said:

"The farmers in the northern half under the same sky and on the same territory, completely freed from flood damage, reap bumper harvest every year, and lead a decent life in two-or-three-storied brick dwellings.

"If we are to enjoy a happy life, freed from flood, draught and crop failure that are the occurrence of every year, we must be provided with the leadership of the brilliant leader as soon as possible. We are impatiently looking forward to this day."

With his boundless respect for and intense loyalty to the great leader a fisherman of south Korea said:

"The people are eager to remain loyal to the respected and beloved leader President Kim Il Sung. This eagerness is also enshrined in my mind.

"Truly, the liberation of the country and the present reality of the north cannot be even thought of without the leadership of the respected and beloved leader President Kim Il Sung. The great leader President Kim Il Sung is the benevolent father of the entire Korean people and the great sun of our nation.

"From the bottom of my heart I reverently wish the beloved leader a long life and good health and I feel fully in my heart the pride and honour of being his revolutionary fighter."

Another resident of the south said:

"The great leader President Kim Il Sung has fought, devoting his all solely to bringing happiness to the entire people, and built in the north a socialist society, good to live in, the society on which the world's people lavish praise.

"Indeed, there is no such a great leader as President Kim Il Sung.

"Courage comes when I think that we have such a great man as our leader. That is why we heartily wish President Kim Il Sung a long life and good health for national reunification and for a happy life of our people."

Another wrote in his memoirs to show his loyalty to President Kim Il Sung:

"The respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, peerless patriot and national hero, is the leader of the people, the most brilliant and outstanding leader that our people have ever had in their several thousand-year history...

"No force on earth dare make an erasure of the august image of the great leader enshrined deep in the hearts of our people. The harder our living conditions become, the greater our feeling of respect and yearning for the beloved leader becomes. Even at this moment our popular masses look at the sky over the north, straightening their clothes and heartily wish the fatherly leader Marshal Kim Il Sung a long life and good health."

A resident who travels in Kwangju, Hwasun and Posong, South Cholla Province, to sell books said that "recently many a customer wants to buy a book accompanied by an inset picture of General Kim Il Sung."

Then he remarked in emphatic tones that "in south Korea too, the people should be granted the right to carry the picture of the wise General Kim Il Sung in every book and in every paper and hang his portrait upon the wall of every home."

Responding to the unanimous feeling of south Korean people's profound respect for and trust in the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, a lawyer in Seoul said:

"President Kim Il Sung, a great thinker and theoretician and a past master of leadership, created the immortal Juche ism, the main trend of thought of our times, and turned our country that once lost its lustre into the cradle of Juche, a model country, which sheds light all over the world.

"Our nation feels the highest honour and the greatest pride in this.

"That is why so many a people shout loudly at the risk of their lives even under the revitalized dictatorship: 'Long live General Kim Il Sung!'

"There exists no truce line that divides Korea into the north and the south, in the minds of the south Korean people who attend in high esteem President Kim Il Sung, the great sun of the nation."

Even under the unprecedentedly intensified fascist suppression and savage terror campaign the south Korean people all eagerly wait for the day when they will be able to enjoy the leadership of the respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung in a reunified homeland and gain strength and courage from him.

They sing loudly their hymn of loyalty to him:

Our sun is one,
And our heart is one.
For good and all is our mind
Following its rays.
General Kim Il Sung,
Legendary hero,
He is the great sun of the nation.

The great guiding star is one,
And our deep faith is one.
Let's carry out the solar cause
Following the bright rays of the star.
May our sun shine brilliantly.
General Kim Il Sung,
We'll attend you for all time.

MANIFESTATION OF SOLIDARITY FOR STRUGGLE OF TRI-CONTINENTAL PEOPLES

Pyongyang Mass Meeting Held to Observe Week of International Solidarity with Tri-Continental Peoples

A "week of international solidarity with the Asian, African and Latin American peoples" was established from January 3 to 10 in our country under the sponsorship of the Korean Committee for Asian-African Solidarity.

During the week a Pyongyang mass meeting was held at the Chollima House of Culture on January 6.

Put with due respect on the platform of the meeting hall was a portrait of the great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Present at the meeting was personage concerned Kim Gwan Sop together with working people in the city.

At the meeting Pak Yong Si made a speech.

In his speech he pointed out that in the past 11 years since the observance of the week of international solidarity with the tri-continental peoples was started great changes have taken place in the international arena and said that the Asian, African and Latin American peoples have achieved many successes in the struggle for independence and sovereignty.

He warmly hailed the successes made by the tri-continental peoples in the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and racism and for national liberation, sovereignty and independence and the building of a new society and expressed firm solidarity with them in their struggle.

The victory of the revolutionary cause of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples against imperialism and for independence and the decay and ruin of imperialism are the main trend of our time that cannot be stemmed, he said. He stressed that the peoples of the new-emerging forces should firmly maintain independence and build an independent national economy for combating imperialist aggression and plunder, consolidating national independence and achieving the eternal prosperity of their countries.

The speaker noted that our people have attained great successes in revolution and construction under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Stating that the reunification of the divided country is the supreme national task of our people, he exposed and denounced the manoeuvres of the US imperialists, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and the Japanese reactionaries who obstruct Korea's reunification.

Noting that our people will certainly realize the cause of national reunification by thoroughly implementing the three principles and the five-point policy of national reunification set forth by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, he expressed thanks to the tri-continental peoples and all the progressive peoples of the world for their active support and encouragement to the struggle of our people to reunify the country.

Lastly, he said that in the future, too, our people, holding aloft the revolutionary banner of anti-imperialism and independence, will vigorously struggle to build a new, independent and prosperous world in firm unity with the tri-continental peoples and the peoples of the world who advocate independence.

SUPPLYING MORE FISH TO THE PEOPLE!

Big-haul Flag Waves

The whole country is seething with activity today in response to the New Year Address made by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. The very beginning of the New Year is marked by a new, heightened revolutionary zeal like this.

It was past noon that we got to the Yanghwa Fishery Station situated along the coast of the East Sea.

We could see many fishing boats loaded with their full capacity of fishes, lying at anchor. Unloading of the catch was in full swing.

Belt conveyer fitted with buckets was continuously moving to deliver fish to the storage ground through several hundred metre long tube.

When unloading operations were over trawlers again went out to the sea.

Trawler No. 113 we got on board left the port and was tearing ahead through big waves.

Through the windows of the pilot-house were seen 5,000-ton refrigeration ship "Pirobong" and 3,750-ton stern trawlers "Ogasan" and "Chonmasan" sailing in columns.

In his New Year Address the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"In the domain of the fishing industry, a scientific fishing system should be established, active fishing operations launched to catch more fish, and fish processing improved, so that the demand of the working people for fish is fully met."

Always mindful of how to supply our people with fishes in sufficient amounts, the fatherly leader personally visited the Yanghwa Fishery Station in November last year and outlined a plan, concieved to develop the station into a big deep-sea fishing base. Then he indicated the direction to be followed by this station and specified the means and ways for the carrying out of the plan.

This greatly inspired fishing workers in their activity. Regarding it as the lofty duty and the greatest honour to carry through his teachings unconditionally, they launched all-out efforts, while applying scientific and active fishing methods, to bring about innovations in fish catch from the very beginning of the New Year.

The heightened morale expressed in every face of fishermen suggested their firm resolve to extend their success.

The boat was sailing up to the fishing area. Radio communications came ceaselessly from the headquarters in the home port and shoal detecting ships to notify the movements of fish.

When the boat was just near at the main fishing area, detector located fish shoals.

At first several spots appeared on the detection-recording device, soon to be followed by black lines. The moment deputy captain set up a shout of joy.

Big shoals were detected, about 30-40 metres long and nearly 60 metres deep.

"Ready, net casting!" The captain gave words of command. Along came the soundings of electric bell. Fishing crew began to set machines installed on the deck in motion.

When ropes fixed to the winch were slowly let out, nets were shot out softly.

Large nets were placed in position with the help of machines.

The boat pushed forward at full speed pursuing shoals.

About 40 minutes passed since nets had been placed in the water.

When the signal bell rang out again, the loose winch ropes coiled up. Then a large nets came up to the surface.

Fishing crewmen skilfully handled machines and drew up the net to the ship. First netting was estimated at 50 tons.

More fish were taken in the second and third net. Soon the boat was filled with fish. All operations were done by machines and crewmen stepped up their job.

We feasted our eyes on crewmen who were skilfully handling the total load of fish. Deputy captain, a veteran fisherman, said:

"As you see, we fishing crewmen are able to engage in fishing joyously and efficiently on board the modern ship provided by the fatherly leader. When we come back home, we enjoy a happy life in sunny apartments with complete peace of mind. Our only thinking is how to justify the fatherly leader's grace with loyalty."

Every year fishing crew whose hearts always burn with loyalty to the fatherly leader registered amazing successes with the help of leading personnel and three-revolution team members.

They fulfilled their assignments of the Six-Year Plan one year and seven months ahead of schedule and caught more than 10,000 tons of fish by the end of last year.

The third netting was over and a big-haul flag was put up at the mast.

Now every face of crewmen beamed with the joy of their successful operations. Trawler No. 113 started on its way home, with the big-haul flag fluttering in the wind.

The boat anchored at the port.

A flood of fish poured into the port without letup. The port was in the thick of unloading operations.

Each team's result was reported over the loudspeaker installed near the command room. Proud news was also reported that fishing workers in different parts fulfilled their plan of the first campaign of the New Year three times.

The colourful musical programme arranged to congratulate fishermen on their successful battle added to the activity of the port. Cheerful and soft melodies wafted over the sky.

Han Su Chon

Fishermen and workers of the Sinpo Fishery Station strive to provide more fish to the people, wholeheartedly upholding the great leader's New Year Address

A Visit to the Soho Refrigeration Plant

Now on wide fishing areas of the East Sea winter fishing operations are at their high pitch. In step with this fish processing is getting brisk in the ports.

Sometime ago we had a chance to visit the Soho refrigeration plant where innovations were taking place in fish processing through the energetic Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement in response to the New Year Address of the great leader.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"Boats should also be equipped with refrigerators, and each fishery station and, further, each fishermen's co-operative should be furnished with a cold storage which is not big but of a moderate size, so that all the fish caught reach the people fresh."

Devoting a great deal of attention to supplying large quantities of fresh fish to our people at all seasons of the year, the fatherly leader saw to it that fishing ports and consumer cities throughout the country were furnished with cold-storage warehouses.

The Soho refrigeration plant is one of the biggest cold-storage plants built in the fishing bases of the eastern coastal areas.

Guided by the chief engineer we inspected the quickly-freezing compartment.

Fishes brought in through subterranean channel and aerial and pipe line were delivered to the cold-storage by belt conveyer and then set on refrigeration compressors.

Shortly after freezing began, fishes were turned into fish blocks, each with a weight of 50 kg, and these blocks were transported to the cold-storage warehouse.

All the processes —from conveyance, freezing and shipment— were mechanized.

The chief engineer told us that now the daily refrigeration capacity was over 400 tons.

With a heightened zeal to carry through the tasks set at the fatherly leader's New Year Address and assisted by leading personnel and three-revolution team members, the workers there are, beginning with this year, doubling the daily average refrigeration capacity, as compared with last year.

We also visited a cold-storage warehouse having 10,000 tons of storage capacity.

Portable carriages were seen busily carrying fish blocks.

In the cold-storage centre we could see thousands of tons of fish blocks piled up.

The visit to this refrigeration plant convinced us that our food conditions would be further improved thanks to such reliable foodstuff processing base permeated with warm love and solicitude shown by the fatherly leader.

Kim Yong U

Tanzanian farmers pick an abundance of cotton with joy

Citizens in Mogadiscio, Somalia, help in road construction

SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION

☆ An agreement on air transportation between the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Government of the Republic of Togo was signed in Lome, the capital of Togo, on December 22 last year.

☆ A protocol on the establishment of ties between Kim Il Sung University of our country and San Marcos University of Peru was signed in Lima, the capital of Peru, on December 29 last year.

☆ An agreement on mutual cooperation in the field of radio and TV broadcasting was signed in Hanoi on November 27 last year between the Central Broadcasting Committee of the DPRK and the "Voice of Viet Nam" Broadcasting Station directly under the Government of Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

☆ The 1977-1978 cultural exchange plan for the fulfilment of the cultural agreement between our country and Pakistan was signed in Pakistan on December 14 last year.

☆ An employees' meeting was held at the Korea-Cuba Friendship Pyongyang Textile Machine Plant on December 24 last year and the Korea-Cuba Solidarity Committee arranged a friendship gathering on December 30 to mark the 28th anniversary of the victory of the Cuban Revolution.

☆ Teachers and students of the Red Flag Mangyongdae Revolutionary School held a meeting on December 20 to observe the 32nd anniversary of the founding of the Vietnamese People's Army.

☆ The Ministry of People's Armed Forces arranged a photo exhibition and a film show on December 20 on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the army day of Yugoslavia.

☆ A photo exhibition and a film show were arranged on December 20 at the Chollima House of Culture under the joint auspices of the Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries and the Korean Committee for Solidarity with the World's People to commemorate the 12th anniversary of the start of the Palestinian Revolution.

☆ The Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries and the Korea-Pakistan Friendship Association cosponsored on December 23 last year a photo exhibition and a film show at the Chollima House of Culture and the Korea-Pakistan Friendship Association arranged a friendship gathering on December 25 on the birth centenary celebrations of Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinna, the founder of Pakistan.

Why Japanese Reactionaries' Stout Opposition to US Troops' Pullout from South Korea?

Reportedly, Japanese foreign minister Hatoyama is going to call the south Korean puppet foreign minister to Japan in the coming March to hold "ROK-Japan foreign ministers talks" at which both sides' "opinions" will be "settled" as to the question of the withdrawal of the US troops stationed in south Korea.

As is known, some time ago Japanese officials including ex-prime minister repeatedly asked the parliamentary group composed of US Senate and House of Representatives members during its visit to Japan to ensure the continued presence of the US troops in south Korea and even carried on diplomatic activities to obtain international "support" on this stand of theirs.

All facts show to what extent the Japanese reactionaries have gone in their systematic and obstinate machinations against the pullout of the US troops from south Korea.

As a matter of course, this move of the Japanese reactionaries inevitably incurs indignation from our people.

The US army's occupation of south Korea and the US policy of aggression in Korea are the root cause of all the misfortunes and sufferings of the Korean people and the main obstacle in the way of Korea's reunification. These also pose a constant menace to peace and security in Asia and the world.

That is why the world people's voices demanding the US troops' withdrawal from south Korea are running high from day to day and this is presently a trend which cannot be stemmed.

Nowadays, even Americans strongly demand the pullout of the US troops from Korea.

But only the Japanese authorities are dead set against the withdrawal of the US army from south Korea. Why?

Because this stout opposition emanates from the sinister design of the Japanese reactionaries to keep south Korea in their grip as a commodity sale market, a base for capital investment and a supplier of cheap labour force for Japanese monopolies and to reduce it to their colony.

As a reward for their buttressing of the fascist terror rule of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique who are floundering in a crisis of ruin utterly isolated from within and without, the Japanese reactionaries are seeking to place the south Korean puppets under their tighter control and acquire more concessions in south Korea. An instance is that this time the reactionary government of Japan is making haste to bring to successful conclusion an "agreement" on the "development" of south Korean continental shelves, which it dared not conclude under the strong pressure of public opinion at home and abroad.

The Japanese reactionaries make incoherent remarks on the question of the US army's occupation of south Korea under this or that excuse. This is prompted by their intention to realize their wild design on south Korea. What is worthy of note is, among other things, the fact that the Japanese authorities, allegedly to cope with the changed situation of Korea, are contemplating to revise and replenish Japan's "defence buildup plan" and are building or expanding military bases in the western districts of Japan near Korea and moving the attacking forces of the "self-defence forces" to these districts.

The Japanese reactionaries intend to summon the south Korean puppet foreign minister to Tokyo and bring about "early settlement of the pending problems as a whole" in order to "put on the normal track the friendly relations" between Japan and the south Korean puppets. This is, in the final analysis, aimed to reject Korea's reunification, freeze her division and tighten their political, economic and military tieup with the puppets so as to easily achieve their purpose for aggression on south Korea.

The opposition of the Japanese reactionaries to the withdrawal of the US occupation army from south Korea runs counter to the cause of peace in Korea and Asia.

If the Japanese reactionaries continue with their shameful acts going against the current of the times, they will get nothing good.

No Pretext Can Justify US Army's Occupation of South Korea

Towards the close of last year the US Army Command in south Korea, in the name of the "UN Command", submitted an "annual report" to the UN Security Council.

In the "report", the US side presented a distorted picture of the situation in Korea and made it appear that the existence of the US Army Command constituted a prerequisite for prevention of the recurrence of war in Korea.

This is a false propaganda designed to conceal the real factor for the tension created in Korea and persist in the policy of military occupation of south Korea.

The US imperialist aggressors are the prime mover in systematic violation of the Armistice Agreement in Korea and it is also they who coil up the tension.

During the period from January to October, 1976 alone, violations of the Armistice Agreement by the US side reached more than 26,500 cases.

Misrepresenting the cause of the continuation of the tension in Korea, the US side even cooked up the "Panmunjom incident", making this or that fuss.

As is reflected in the recently-disclosed recordings of a public hearing at the political and military sub-committee of the US House International Relations Committee, the "Panmunjom incident" is a preplanned provocative incident which the Ford Administration engineered to invent a pretext for a war racket against the northern half of the DPRK, while trying to find the way out in a war, as it was in a serious political and economic crisis.

Even after new measures were taken on our side's positive initiative against the recurrence of clashes subsequent to the "Panmunjom incident", the US side's hostile acts continue in various forms.

In last December, too, the US side repeatedly staged clamorous war exercises on the sea south of Pusan and near the Chinhae Bay, rendering the situation acute and fanning up a war climate.

According to a statement made by a spokesman of the US Defense Department, the US side is planning to bring into south Korea "F-16" latest-type fighter planes equipped with offensive arms, operational equipment and combat materials.

In the "annual report" the US side put these rigid facts on the shelf and applied itself to turning things upside down to carp at our side. Why it did so is as plain as a pikestaff.

The reason is that the US imperialists took another measure as the last resort to mislead public opinion, finding it no longer possible to legalize their policy of keeping south Korea under their occupation, because the world public circles raised ever higher their voices calling for the dissolution of the US Army Command going under the UN signboard in south Korea and the withdrawal of the US troops from south Korea and because even a UN resolution containing this demand was adopted.

By no means can the United States justify the occupation of south Korea by its troops.

The US must disband the "UN Command" and withdraw its aggressive armed forces from south Korea in accordance with the resolution of the 30th session of the UN General Assembly.

Ryu Pyong

PAK JUNG HI FASCIST PUPPET CLIQUE IN PREDICAMENT, DEATH-BED STRUGGLE

Ever-Intensifying Fascist Suppression

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"The south Korean reactionaries are now intensifying as never before the suppression of the people and youth and students in south Korea."

Flurried at the daily-growing anti-"government" sentiments of the south Korean people, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are more brutally suppressing patriotic democratic forces these days.

On December 29 last the south Korean fascist hangmen staged a farce called "verdict trial of appeal instance on Myongdong case" in the puppet Seoul high court of justice and committed another villainous outrage—inflicting five years' penal servitude and the same term of "suspension of civil rights" and other severe penalties upon Kim Dae Jung and others involved in the "declaration for democracy and national salvation".

On December 30 the human butchers held a murderous "trial" at the puppet Kwangju district court and asked heavy penalties for four pastors of the presbyterian church in South Cholla Province who were arrested and imprisoned and barbarously tortured and persecuted because they made public a statement in support of the "declaration for democracy and national salvation".

The Pak Jung Hi fascist cutthroats committed such a diabolical bestiality as sentencing conscientious poet Kim Ji Ha to seven years' imprisonment and the same term of "suspension of civil rights" at the murderous trial held on December 31 at the puppet Seoul criminal district court. Earlier, at the puppet Supreme Court on December 28 they quashed an "appeal" by Kim Chol Hyon and three other Korean students from Japan who were accused of being involved in the faked-up "campus spyring case", the appeal which was made to protest against the unjust decision at the second trial, and high-handedly confirmed the sentences of capital punishment and penal servitude already imposed upon them.

Besides, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, with over 20 days ahead of the end of 1976, madly swooped down on the people, issuing in succession suppressive decrees such as "extra service order" and "emergency alert order" and making the puppet policemen "do duty around the clock".

Hell-bent on this boisterous repressive move, the fascist bandits arrested and jailed at random more than 7,500 people in all parts of south Korea on December 23 and rounded up from the night of the 24th to the dawn of the 25th upwards of 1,400 defenceless people in Seoul and subjected them to harsh persecution.

All facts show with added clarity that the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are a band of butchers of the nation who are engrossed in man-hunting and a gang of fascist traitors who keep themselves alive by sticking to the policy of terrorism and massacre against the people.

International organizations and public and press circles of various countries of the world are now strongly condemning the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique for their fascist repressive acts against the people.

Recently the Secretariat of the International Union of Students sent a message of protest to the villainous Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, denouncing their brutal repression against the south Korean students.

Scathingly flaying the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique's fascist suppression, the Secretariat stressed in its message that the south Korean students who are fighting for the democratization of south Korean society and national reunification can never be labelled as "criminals".

The Secretariat strongly demanded the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique immediately revoke the penalties unwarrantedly imposed upon the students and release the arrested patriotic students at once.

On the other hand, the 12th National Students Meeting of Science and Culture was held in Kyoto at the end of last year.

Its special sub-committee meeting on the Korean question unanimously adopted a resolution containing the following five-point accord:

1) The government must urge the Pak "regime" to release Kim Dae Jung and all other political prisoners at once.

2) The government must immediately discontinue "aid" to the Pak "regime" intensifying the fascist suppression.

3) The government must give up its plot to establish a US-Japan-south Korea military co-ordination.

4) The government must renounce its scheme for creation of permanent "two Koreas" and support the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

5) The United States must take nuclear weapons and its troops out of south Korea without delay.

A solidarity meeting supporting and encouraging the just struggle of the south Korean youth and students was held at Tokyo University on December 22, 1976 under the sponsorship of the University's Committee of Solidarity between Japanese and Korean Students.

The meeting adopted a letter of protest addressed to the Japanese government, the US embassy and the south Korean puppet embassy.

The All India-Korea Friendship Association and the Indian Committee for Supporting Korea's Reunification issued a joint statement supporting the struggle of Seoul University students against the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

The Japanese newspaper "Akahata" carried a commentary lashing at the Pak Jung Hi fascist bandits who committed the bestial outrage of imposing again heavy penalties on those who were involved in the case of "the declaration for democracy and national salvation".

Noting that their savagery will arouse indignation at home and abroad, the commentary condemned the trial farce of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique as a challenge to the Japanese people.

The Japan branch of the Amnesty International recently made public a statement denouncing the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique for their fascist repressive act of inflicting heavy penalties upon those who published "the declaration for democracy and national salvation".

The statement exposed and denounced the Pak Jung Hi fascist bandits' barbarous suppression and demanded the immediate release of the south Korean democratic figures. It declared that the Japan branch of the Amnesty International would struggle till Kim Dae Jung and other publishers of "the declaration for democracy and national salvation" have been released.

A recent issue of the Pakistan paper "Tijarat" in its article condemned the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique for brutally cracking down on the south Korean people who are struggling for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country and democracy.

Stressing that this suppression by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique is a treachery to the nation aimed at perpetuation of the division of Korea and it is under fire from all the Korean people and the world people, the article said:

The south Korean authorities must not intensify fascist suppression, clinging to the sleeves of the outside forces, but lend an ear to the demand of the entire Korean people for democracy and peaceful reunification.

Besides, Japanese religious organizations, the Egyptian TV broadcasting station and public organizations and press circles of many countries exposed and denounced the Pak Jung Hi fascist clique's savage repression against the people. (KCNA)

Pak Jung Hi Puppet Clique's Brutal Repression against People Strongly Condemned in Foreign Countries

Japanese people stage a demonstration, condemning the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique's fascist suppression and demanding the release of the arrested and detained democrats and patriotic people of south Korea

Ridiculous Manoeuvres to Cover Up Bribery Scandals

Driven into a tight corner by the disclosure of their dirty payoffs to the US imperialists, their masters, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are at great pains to find a way out these days.

Upset by the strong denunciation by the world public, they called at the close of last year a "conference for peaceful unification" in which they deliberated on the "measures for saving the situation". They made public "five points agreed upon". There followed the announcement of a "statement". To cap it all, they recently started conducting deceptive propaganda by setting in motion the mass com. media on their payroll.

They insist obstinately that Pak Dong Son who has earned an ill-fame as one of their servants in the execution of the "bribe-US operation" has "never been employed by the ROK government and has no connection with the ROK government."

They repeat their trite assertion that they are not responsible for the bribery scandals. On the other hand, they prattle that the report on the wire tapping and recording of a "top-level meeting at Chongwadae" by a US intelligence service is "groundless". The meeting was convened by the traitor Pak Jung Hi to launch into the "bribery operation". Kim Sang Gun, who played an important role in the "bribery operation" as the deputy chief of the US branch of the puppet CIA, took refuge in the United States and this has caused public discussion so far. But they bluster that this matter has already been "settled". Thus they air their grievances, claiming that the press of the United States circulated an "unfounded rumour" by reporting about the "bribery scandals".

How shameless they are to make black white and what a vicious challenge to the world public this is!

Such an outburst of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique reveals with added clarity their ugly nature as the swindlers matchlessly villainous and the colonial puppets rotten to the core and arouses greater hatred and indignation among the people.

It is a widely-known, stark fact that the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, thrashed within and without and confronted with a serious crisis, went so far as to carry out the "bribery operation" designed to win the favour of the US imperialists, their masters, as the last resort to prolong their dirty remaining days and that the operation was organized and directed by the quisling Pak Jung Hi himself and was conducted by the south Korean puppet embassy in the United States, the US branch of the puppet CIA and by their servants Pak Dong Son, Mun Son Myong, Pak Bo Hi and others employed by the puppet CIA branch.

This was confirmed by the data obtained by the US prosecution, the data on the wire tapping at "Chongwadae", den of Pak Jung Hi, by US information-gathering machinery.

This was also proved by the records on the tapping of telephone wires between "Chongwadae" and the puppet embassy in Washington. And later they were made public by the "Washington Post".

That is why even the US State Department could not but conclude that "there is no room for doubt as to Pak Jung Hi's involvement in this case (the bribery scandals—Ed.)."

This notwithstanding, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique give the false impression that bribery was practiced only by Pak Dong Son, a good-for-nothing fellow. They are hard at work to shirk their responsibility. It is ludicrous enough.

What is especially preposterous is the fact that they invented an absurd pretext after they racked their brains to deny the wire tapping at "Chongwadae" by the US intelligence service.

When the wire tapping at "Chongwadae" was made known, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, feigning great surprise, croaked about "infringement on sovereignty" and stagemanaged such a farce as issuing "statements" in succession, asking the US government to "clear up before the public" the truth.

But recently the rascals who four-flushed like this have changed their attitude abruptly. Now they say that through "diplomatic channels" the US government made it clear that the wire tapping at "Chongwadae" is "not a fact" and that they consider the US intelligence service dared not engage in wire tapping at "Chongwadae" because they maintain the relations of blood pledge with the United States beyond the bounds of "normal relations between sovereign powers".

What a nonsensical sophistry and mockery this is!

Unable to deny the fully disclosed fact, even the US government fails to make it plain that there was no wire tapping at "Chongwadae".

Previously, they made much fuss, demanding that the US government "clear up the truth before the public". But now they say all of a sudden that there is an "unofficial elucidation of the truth" and openly declare that they are lucky enough. It is quite a sorry sight.

Moreover, their talk about the "relations of blood pledge" and their foregone denial of US wire tapping at "Chongwadae" are sufficient to excite the laughter of all.

As was laid bare by the "Watergate incident" US intelligence services including the CIA interfere even in the scramble for power within the US ruling circles, to say nothing of other countries, and overhear talk and carry on espionage and subversive activities. It is nobody's secret.

Speaking of traitor Pak Jung Hi, he is a special agent who was trained by the US CIA and a faithful lackey of the US imperialists. He could take the reins of the puppet regime and maintain it up to date only by relying on the CIA. He is placed under US imperialists' surveillance and control all the time.

The quisling Pak Jung Hi raves that he alone is outside the surveillance and control of the US imperialists, because he rendered "meritorious service" to the US imperialists by making south Korean youth and middle-aged people shed blood for the carrying out of their aggressive war. Anyone who accepts this as true will be a mere child or an idiot.

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, while trumping up one preposterous protext after another, strain every nerve to prove that there was no wire tapping at "Chongwadae". Is there any trace of "sovereign power" here? No. One can only see that they are pitiable and despicable colonial puppets who try to save their already-sealed fate by fawning upon their masters.

What we cannot overlook here is the fact that they are seeking to shift the responsibility for the world-wide public criticism of their bribery scandals even on to the press of the United States. These days they loudly censure the US press, saying: denunciation of bribery scandals is an outcome of the "movement for political purification" now afoot within the United States but we "suffer for no reason"; this incident is "little worth consideration" but gives rise to great public criticism. Its "responsibility" rests with the press of the United States which gives publicity to exaggerated and distorted facts.

How impudent they are! Needless to say, theirs is a balderdash.

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are so desperate of late. Their purpose is clear to everyone.

They pursue the aim of shirking their responsibility for bribery scandals at any cost and ambiguously settling the "pending problems" with the United States which arose in the process of disclosure of their "bribery operation" in particular and thereby winning the favour of their masters and continuing with their treacheries under their patronage to stave off their doomsday.

By no ruse, however, can the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique realize their foul ambition.

The more frenzied they become, the harder their windpipe will be pressed and the earlier their downfall will come.

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Cartoon by Son Chang Hak

Voices Rejecting Pak Jung Hi the Puppet Mount Even among US Ruling Circles

Foreign press reports quoting the US newspaper "The New York Times" report said that Grieg, former chief of the US CIA branch in south Korea, in a recent speech noted that "Pak Jung Hi's government was unstable from its early days" and that he himself "learned that the Pak regime was oppressive and nasty in many aspects".

He stressed: "Pak Jung Hi may be overthrown by a coup d'etat during his tenure, and it is the best way for Pak Jung Hi to resign".

"The Pak regime sowed itself the seeds of its own collapse", he remarked, and declared:

"The US Central Inteiligence Agency has close practical relations with the south Korean 'CIA' in the training of its agents and in the operations against north Korea."

In his recent telephone interview he said: "I was surprised by the fact that US Congressmen so easily received money from the south Korean side and justified that." He noted that he "is under strong pressure from the south Korean government" for his recent statements.

Reporting the above-said Grieg's remarks, "The New York Times" pointed out:

"Grieg's remarks are similar to the assertion made by a high-ranking official in the US State Department in a secret report a few years ago that the United States lands itself in a perilous position by continuously supporting the Pak regime. The State Department official cautioned that Washington had better slowly break its ties with the Pak regime."

Ranard, former "director of Korean affairs" in the US State Department, in his statement on November 20, said:

"The south Korean government is savage and merciless. It is addicted to corruption at home and bribery scandal abroad". He observed:

"The south Korean image is now largely suspicious in the United States." "South Korea is under the world's strongest criticism in US publications, putting the Chilean government into the shade and such criticism is focussed on the violation of human rights in south Korea."

"The US Congress, far from discussing how much aid it should give to south Korea, is now inclined to gaining the understanding that this repressive regime is harmful to the stability in that region," he pointed out.

He said that he deemed it unnecessary for the United States to keep more than 40,000 troops in south Korea. He asserted that the United States should drastically cut its troops strength to a few thousand in a short time and, in the long run, take its troops from south Korea to the last one.

Saying it is his opinion that the United States has no need to have nuclear weapons in south Korea, he noted: "Why doesn't the United States pull them out of south Korea?"

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Burmese People Create a New Life on Their Own

Today the Korean people extend warm felicitations and greetings to the Burmese people who greet the significant 29th anniversary of the independence of their country.

The independence of Burma on January 4, 1948 was a historic event which enabled her people who had been oppressed and maltreated under the imperialist colonial rule in the past to become full-fledged masters of the country and opened up a broad avenue for creating a new life in the land of Burma over which dark clouds had hung for centuries. Since then, the Burmese people have dedicated all their energy, wisdom and talents to building their country into a prosperous independent and sovereign state, with their destiny firmly held in their hands.

Notably, under the leadership of President U Ne Win the Burmese people, holding aloft the banner of anti-imperialism and independence, are now struggling with added vigour to eliminate the after-effects of the imperialist colonial rule and to consolidate national independence and build national economy and national culture.

In Burma, thanks to the measures taken by the government to lay the groundwork for national industry a series of companies, banks, enterprises and forest resources owned by foreign imperialists and domestic capitalists have been nationalized or placed under state control and many factories built. Positive steps have been taken to increase state investments in agriculture, organize state farms and cooperatives, expand the arable land, build irrigation channels, improve seed and boost the production of new farm machines and chemical fertilizers. Thus a new progress has been made in farming.

The government has directed big efforts to the development of education, culture and public health services, too. In particular, endeavours are being exerted to ward off the penetration of reactionary ideologies and culture by imperialism and develop national culture on a sound basis.

The correct measures of the Burmese government and the creative labour of the people have effected a new turn in all spheres of state and social life, changing the country's appearance radically.

Our people warmly hail the successes gained by the hard-working Burmese people and, at the same time, take this opportunity to express gratitude to the government and people of Burma for their active support to our people's just cause for the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

Convinced that the relations of friendship and cooperation formed between the two countries on the common front of independence against imperialism will be further developed in the days to come, our people wish the Burmese people yet greater success in their struggle to build a new prospering society.

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